

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY

International application No.

PCT/EP2004/014147

Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the **language**, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
- ☐ This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
- ☐ international search (Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b))
- ☐ publication of the international application (Rule 12.4)
- ☐ international preliminary examination (Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3)
2. With regard to the **elements** of the international application, this report is based on *(replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report)*:
- ☐ the international application as originally filed/furnished
- ☒ the description:
- pages 1-21 _____ as originally filed/furnished
- pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- ☒ the claims:
- nos. _____ as originally filed/furnished
- nos.* _____ as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
- nos.* 1-9 _____ received by this Authority on 06.12.2005 with letter of 02.12.2005
- nos.* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- ☐ the drawings:
- sheets _____ as originally filed/furnished
- sheets* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- sheets* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- ☐ a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) – see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing.
3. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:
- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, nos. _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs _____
- ☐ the sequence listing (*specify*): _____
- ☐ any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*): _____
4. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).
- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, nos. _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs _____
- ☐ the sequence listing (*specify*): _____
- ☐ any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*): _____

* If item 4 applies, some or all of those sheets may be marked "superseded."

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Box No. V	Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement		
1.	Statement		
	Novelty (N)	Claims 1-4	YES
		Claims 5-9	NO
	Inventive step (IS)	Claims	YES
		Claims 1-9	NO
	Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims 1-9	YES
		Claims	NO
2.	Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)		
	This report makes reference to the following documents:		
	<p>D1: US-B1-6 375 963 (REPKA MICHAEL A ET AL) 23 April 2002 (2002-04-23)</p> <p>D2: WO 99/55312 A (VIROTEX CORPORATION) 4 November 1999 (1999-11-04)</p> <p>D3: WO 98/22097 A (BIO ADVANCES1 LLC) 28 May 1998 (1998-05-28)</p> <p>D4: WO 01/58430 A (NATIONAL STARCH AND CHEMICAL INVESTMENT HOLDING CORPORATION) 16 August 2001 (2001-08-16)</p> <p>D5: EP-A-0 410 696 (E. R. SQUIBB & SONS, INC) 30 January 1991 (1991-01-30)</p> <p>D6: WO 03/063839 A (NATIONAL STEEL CORPORATION; UNIVERSITEIT UTRECHT; NATIONAL STARCH AND) 7 August 2003 (2003-08-07)</p> <p>D7: DE10146251 A1 (2003-04-17), cited in the application</p>		
	<p>1. The subject matter of claims 5 to 9 of the application is not novel (PCT Article 33(2)) in light of the optionally multilayered film-forming administration forms disclosed in D1 to D6, said administration forms</p>		

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having an active substance-containing layer of a polyacrylic acid derivative and a polysaccharide, such as hydroxypropyl(methyl)cellulose or hydroxyethylcellulose, wherein, in the production thereof, naturally an at least partial crosslinking between the polyacrylic acid derivative and the polysaccharide took place (see the text passages cited in the search report). It should also be noted that a product is not automatically novel just because it has been produced by means of another method.

2. The subject matter of claims 1 to 4 is obvious (PCT Article 33(3)) from the routine use of known devices (see D7, figure 4 and claim 10), wherein a two-substance nozzle, which permits different solutions of polymers and crosslinkers to be sprayed simultaneously, is used in the production of optionally multilayered film-forming administration forms by means of spraying, as disclosed in D2, D3 or D4. It should also be noted that such a device is used for the only comparative test of the application, and the problem addressed by the application can therefore only be that of providing other good methods of producing film-forming administration forms. The application does not contain anything that could substantiate a more ambitious problem to be solved (for example, providing an improved method of producing a film-forming administration form) in relation to the searched prior art.